(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government and the Tea Board have been analysing countrywise exports of tea giving special attention to areas offering potential. Tea Board also acts to remove bottlenecks in exports to individual markets whenever these are noticed.

Certain other steps taken to increase exports of Indian tea include:—

(i) participation in major trade fairs/exhibitions abroad;

(ii) media campaign to increase consumer awareness of the speciality of Indian teas and to popularise the Tea Board marketing symbol which stands for pure India tea.

Violation of WTO Norms

9. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the protective tendencies of developed nations were violative of the World Trade Organisation norms and are posing a new threat in multilateral trading systems; and

(b) what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Under the various agreements of the WTO, all members are allowed to provide protection to their domestic industry within the frame work of the commitments undertaken by them. The Dispute Settlement Mechanism of WTO, provides for remedial measures if any action or policy of a Member is considered to be violative of the obligations of the member concerned.

India has approached the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) in nine cases so far. In four cases, the DSB has ruled in india's favour, one has been dropped, one amicable settled while three cases are continuing.

Revival of Export

10. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: